



## TALK IT OVER

DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY? (PART 3) | PASTOR TROY STEIN

### KEY SCRIPTURES

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.<sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

**John 14:13-14 NIV**

"Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

**Mark 11:24-25 NIV**

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."

**Matthew 5:23-24 NIV**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**1 Peter 3:7 NIV**

"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us, and help us." "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

**Mark 9:22-24 NIV**

... "Your faith has healed you." ...  
**Matthew 9:22 NIV**

... "Your faith has saved you ..."  
**Luke 7:50 NIV**

### START TALKING

Have you ever wondered why God didn't/doesn't answer your prayer? (Please share)

### START THINKING

Pastor Troy said, "God is not a button to be pushed, but a relationship to be pursued." What do you think about this?

Pastor Troy stated four possible reasons why God didn't do what you asked Him to do...

1. Maybe you have a broken relationship that's hindering your intimacy with God.
2. Maybe you've got the wrong motives.
3. Maybe you don't believe God will actually do it.
4. Maybe God has something different in store.

Which of these reason(s) do you think may have hindered your prayers in the past or may be hindering your prayers today? (Discuss)

### START PRAYING

Jesus, thank You for the gift of prayer. Please search my heart and make me aware of any relationships I need to mend, motives I need to fix, or areas where I need more faith. I pray because I want to know You more, so even if I don't understand, I will still believe in Your goodness. In Your powerful Name, Amen.

### START DOING

Set aside a specific time to pray each day and search your heart.